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Inhibition of Matrix Metalloproteases by Substituted Biaryl Oxobutyric Acids

the specification of which:

- is attached hereto
 was Express Mailed on _____, Serial No. not yet known
 was filed on 15 May 1997 as United States Application Serial No. 08/856,693
 was amended on _____
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____
filed on _____, and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claims, as amended in any amendment referred to above.

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	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	
1.	60/	15 May 1996	and which resulted from conversion of Application Serial No. 08/648,493 to a provisional application
2.			

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Type (PCT/US-CIP/etc.)</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Status</u>
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Application(s) filed before the priority document(s):

None

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